

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:  
control information acquiring means for acquiring from a program information  
providing apparatus control information for controlling preset recording of a program;  
identification information acquiring means for acquiring identification information for  
identifying a recording apparatus by which said program is recorded;  
code information acquiring means for acquiring, on the basis of said identification  
information acquired by said identification information acquiring means, code information  
for controlling said recording apparatus, ~~said code information~~, said code information  
correspondingly employed with said control information acquired by said control information  
acquiring means, said code information acquiring means comprising:  
determination means for determining whether code information corresponding  
to said identification information is recorded in a memory of said information  
processing apparatus; and  
accession means for accessing, if said determination means determines that  
said code information is not recorded in said memory, a server apparatus to download  
said code information; and  
transmitting means for transmitting said code information acquired by said code  
information acquiring means to said recording apparatus.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein said code information instructs said recording apparatus to execute one of  
operations for starting and ending a recording session.

Claim 3 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmitting means transmits said code information which instructs said recording apparatus to execute a preset recording operation.

Claim 4 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said identification information acquiring means acquires a maker name and a model name of said recording apparatus as said identification information.

Claim 5 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said code information acquiring means acquires said code information through a network.

Claim 6 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control information includes broadcast channel information, broadcast date, broadcast start time, and broadcast end time of said program.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising:  
acquiring from a program information providing apparatus control information for controlling preset recording of a program;  
acquiring identification information for identifying a recording apparatus by which said program is recorded;  
acquiring, on the basis of said identification information acquired in said identification information acquiring, code information for controlling said recording apparatus, ~~said code information~~, said code information correspondingly employed with said

control information acquired during said control information acquiring , said code  
information acquiring comprising:

determining whether code information corresponding to said identification  
information is recorded in a memory of an information processing apparatus; and  
accessing, if said determining determines that said code information is not  
recorded in said memory, a server apparatus to download said code information; and  
transmitting said code information acquired during said code information acquiring to  
said recording apparatus.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium ~~carrier~~,  
including computer program instructions which cause a computer to implement a method of  
information processing, comprising:

acquiring from a program information providing apparatus control information for  
controlling preset recording of a program;

acquiring identification information for identifying a recording apparatus by which  
said program is recorded;

acquiring, on the basis of said identification information acquired in said  
identification information acquiring , code information for controlling said recording  
apparatus, said code information , said code information correspondingly employed with said  
control information acquired during said control information acquiring , said code  
information acquiring comprising:

determining whether code information corresponding to said identification  
information is recorded in a memory of an information processing apparatus; and  
accessing, if said determining determines that said code information is not  
recorded in said memory, a server apparatus to download said code information; and

transmitting said code information acquired during said code information acquiring to  
said recording apparatus.